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Bolivia: Violence may occur today--possibly including attacks on the US Embassy--if leftist elements carry out their plans to stage antigovernment demonstrations.

One of the purposes of the leftists would be to demonstrate their strength in the Bolivian Labor Confederation (COB) on the eve of the national convention of the ruling MNR party. The COB is the stronghold of Vice President Juan Lechin, leader of the pro-Communist left wing of the party.

The embassy has also received reports that extreme leftists may attempt to overthrow the government, possibly with the support of the Cuban Embassy.

The embassy reports that the atmosphere in La Paz is tense. The government has taken additional security precautions to protect public utilities installations, and President Paz' personal bodyguard has been augmented.

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Zanzibar: The security situation in Zanzibar is quieter but confusion and friction are evident within the new African regime.

The revolt and the subsequent violence was participated in by some 20 "youth corps" firebrands who returned in late 1962 and early 1963 from five months of guerrilla training in Cuba.

This group was organized by Abdulrahman Mohammed "Babu," the new minister of external affairs and defense and the leading pro-Communist in Zanzibar, although he was out of the country when the revolt began. Under Babu's inspiration, the youth corps and labor unions attached to the various Zanzibar parties have become focal points for political malcontents and Communist sympathizers.

Two pro-Communist labor leaders have been added to the cabinet since Babu returned to the island. Subsequent shuffling of government posts suggests, however, that President Karume is trying to keep his African nationalist Afro-Shirazi Party in a dominant position.

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25X1 Communist China - Africa: The Chinese Communists [redacted] asked the Dutch airline KLM for a one-month extension of the charter for the aircraft in which Premier Chou En-lai is traveling in Africa. The Chinese apparently expected to return to Peiping about mid-February after state visits to Pakistan and Ceylon. Their itinerary has been flexible, however, and they are now reportedly considering stops in Ethiopia and Zanzibar, where some members of the new left-wing government have long had close ties with the Chinese Communists. [redacted] 25X1

25X1 *Peru: Several groups of Peruvian leftists are reportedly planning to carry out acts of violence against US official and private installations in Lima today or tomorrow. Fire-bomb attacks on the US Embassy feature in these plans [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] One group of leftist students hopes violence can be sparked in the lower class neighborhoods of the city. [redacted]

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